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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS REGULATIONS ON IMPORT OF PRE- COLUMBIAN
ARTIFACTS

REF: (A) STATE 54552 OF 3/29/72

(B) STATE A-1732 OF 2/23/73

1. REF (B) TRANSMITTED COPY OF PROPOSED CUSTOMS
REGULATIONS ISSUED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF TITLE II OF
PL 92-587 IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT IMPORT INTO US OF PRE-
COLUMBIAN MONUMENTAL OR ARCHITECTURAL SCULPTURE OR
MURALS FROM COUNTRIES REGULATING EXPORT OF SUCH ITEMS,
UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY VALID EXPORT CERTIFICATE FROM COUNTRY
OF ORIGIN. REF (A) REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM ARA POSTS
AS TO WHETHER HOST COUNTRIES REGULATED SUCH EXPORT SO THAT
SUCH COUNTRIES COULD BE LISTED IN REGULATIONS AND HENCE
RECEIVE PROTECTION THEREOF. REGULATIONS REF (B) NOW DUE TO
BECOME EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 1, 1973. TO DATE DEPARTMENT HAS
NOT BEEN INFORMED AS TO COLOMBIAN LAWS OR REGULATIONS ON
EXPORT OF PRE- COLUMBIAN ARTIFACTS.

2. JUNE- JULY 1972 ISSUE OF AMERICAS MAGAZINE CARRIES
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ILLUSTRATED STORY OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE AT SAN AGUSTIN,
COLOMBIA. PHOTOGRAPHS ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE WOULD INDICATE
THAT PRE- COLUMBIAN OBJECTS AT SITE ARE PRECISELY OF TYPE

INTENDED TO BE PROTECTED BY CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. WE WOULD
REGARD IT AS EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE IF THESE MAJOR STATUES
WERE NOT COVERED BY CUSTOMS REGULATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF FACT THAT APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS TO OTHER
COUNTRIES WITH MAJOR PRE- COLUMBIAN ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES
COULD RESULT IN FOCUS OF ARTIFACTS TRAFFICKERS BEING
DIRECTED AT COLOMBIA.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT
EMBASSY FOLLOW THROUGH ON INSTRUCTIONS REF (A). IF GOC
DOES NOT RESPOND, EMBASSY SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE
ITSELF WHETHER COLOMBIAN LAW SUBJECTS SUCH ITEMS TO EXPORT
CONTROL SO THAT COLOMBIA MAY BE LISTED AMONG PROTECTED
COUNTRIES IN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS. RUSH

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